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In re application of: RUBEN et al.

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Examiner: O'Hara, E.

For: Human Tumor Necrosis Factor  
TR18 and Methods Based Thereon

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**PROVISIONAL ELECTION AND RESPONSE WITH TRAVERSE  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 11, 2002, please enter the following provisional election *with traverse*, election of species *with traverse*, and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, with accompanying revised form PTO/SB/08 and copies of References AA-AT; and (b) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s).

**AMENDMENTS**

***In The Claims:***

**Please cancel claims 2-19, 22, 25 and 27-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.**

**Please add the following new claims:**

--33. (New) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of neutrokine- $\alpha$  to said isolated

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